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MILITARY ARREST MADE HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Man Impersonating First Lieutenant of Twelfth Artillery, United States Army, Taken Into Custody.

A man who represented himself as a First Lieutenant of the Twelfth Artillery, United States army, was arrested here last night and turned over to the Provost Marshal's guard at St. Asaph military camp.

According to the information made public the story is as follows: The man appeared at the armory on south Royal street, in uniform, "all dolled up," as the men described him, and said that he had come to Alexandria for the purpose of making an inspection of the armory and the soldiers stationed there. His presence was reported to First Lieutenant Duffey, who very courteously showed him about the place. As the hour was late, between ten and eleven o'clock, it was thought a little strange that he should be making an inspection at that time. Some remarks made by him also gave rise to further suspicion that he might not be what he claimed to be. Sergeant Steiner mistrusted the man, after observing him for a while, and as the fellow was about to leave the armory, a consultation was held with Captain Conrad Johnson who ordered him taken into custody for examination. Sergeant Steiner and Private Midkiff were detailed to get him. When he saw them coming after him on the street he started running. They ordered him to halt, but he continued running until told that they would shoot him if he did not stop. When he saw them getting ready to fire the man halted and was taken in charge. Afterward he was turned over to the Provost Marshal's guard from St. Asaph and taken to the military camp at that place.

Where the man obtained the uniform he was wearing, or what his object was in making an "inspection" of the armory, is, of course, not known. It is said, however, that he made himself liable to two years service in the prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, if it is shown that he is an impostor and was wearing the uniform of a United States soldier and representing himself to be an army officer without due authority.

He was placed in the guard house at St. Asaph. Included in his outfit were four pints of liquor, which were found upon him when he was searched. He appeared to be about 19 or 20 years old, and refused to give his name.

USES SISTER AS SHIELD

Long Sought Prisoner Escapes While Girl Pleads.

Cold Spring, Aug. 13.—William Reed, run down after a year's search for the alleged shooting of a workman, escaped from the police yesterday in Dutchess Junction by using his sister, Marion, as a shield.

Deputy Sheriff Colwell went to Reed's home to arrest him. As the deputy saw Reed reach into his hip pocket, Colwell drew a revolver. Reed then grabbed his sister, and, holding her as a shield between him and the deputy sheriff, got out his own revolver. Miss Reed, twenty-two years old, begged the deputy not to shoot, as her brother backed her to a door, and, dodging through, slammed it shut and escaped.

SEVEN CLUB HOUSES BURN.

250 Flee Homes, Many Camping on Beach.

New York, Aug. 14.—Seven club houses were burned at Coney Island early today.

Hundreds of residents clad in scant negligee watched the spectacular blaze.

Two hundred and fifty persons left homes near the club houses and went to the homes of friends or camped on the beach.

Ships Now American.

New York, Aug. 14.—The Kerr Navigation Company, an American firm has purchased for \$12,000,000 eight Austrian steamers of a total tonnage of 50,915, it is announced. The corporation is a new one. It is understood that several other Austrian ships interned here, including the Martha Washington, are soon to be sold to American interests.

Four Fairfaxians Arrested Yesterday Afternoon for Having Unlawful Supply of Whisky.

Sergeant Scott yesterday afternoon arrested four men who live in the vicinity of Burke's Station, Fairfax county, on the charge of transporting from Washington into Virginia an unlawful quantity of whisky. The men were on a wagon making themselves conspicuous, each seemingly having indulged in stimulants. Upon searching the wagon a quart bottle filled with whisky and another bottle of the same dimension half full were found. Peter Wagner was in charge of the wagon, and while he denied that he was the owner of the whisky, he acknowledged that he was aware of the fact that he was engaged in transporting it. He was brought before the Police Court this morning and held for the action of the grand jury. His companions were dismissed.

Lacy R. Howard was next brought to the bar. A quart bottle of whisky had been found in her possession. She alleged she had purchased it in Washington, for a house presided over by a woman named Aleman, who Sergeant Wilkinson said, had recently been moving from one section of the city to another, as neighbors made complaint wherever she went. During the investigation of the case it was shown that the woman has two daughters, and that there are a number of male callers at the house. Justice Caton told the woman that should there be any further complaints the children would be taken from her and placed in homes. He sentenced the Howard woman to a term of ninety days in jail for vagrancy. It was shown that she has been engaged in purchasing liquor in Washington and bringing it to this city.

Daniel Mudd, charged with being drunk, was fined \$5.

The last case on the docket was that of Theodore Lloyd, colored, charged with assaulting a soldier named Bennett last Sunday night. It was said at the time that three of the soldier's ribs had been broken by a brick thrown by Lloyd. This was erroneous, as he received no serious injury. After the examination of a number of witnesses, the charge against Lloyd was dismissed.

MADRID STRIKE GENERAL.

Different Trades Out in Sympathy With Railroad Men.

Madrid, Aug. 14.—The strike begun on Friday night by the railroad employees became general at an early hour yesterday morning, when the masons, printers, carpenters and other workmen quit work. As the men received their orders to lay down their tools they went quietly home and no incidents so far have been reported. Some of the strikers declared the general strike would last only 24 hours and the movement was one in sympathy with the railroad men.

Shops are open as usual and the population is indifferent.

TURKS ROB AND KILL.

Natives of Palestine Being Butchered And Their Homes Looted And Destroyed.

The situation in Palestine this summer is the most serious since the war began. A scheme for looting of Jerusalem is already being executed and throughout the countryside the Turk has embarked on a calculated policy of plundering and killing the native inhabitants, so that if they are forced to vacate the country they will leave behind them a desert. The only thing that can save the natives, the only hope that buoys them up, is that the British armies now hammering at the gates of the Holy Land may soon drive out the Turks.

Attempt to Blow up Reservoir.

Ogden, Utah, Aug. 14.—Placed so that it would have destroyed the embankment of Ogden City Reservoir, thus allowing the impounded water to rush down upon the city, a dynamite bomb, with two feet of its four-foot fuse already burned, was found last night by the police.

Notice to Water Consumers.

The mains of the Alexandria Water Company will be flushed Monday and Tuesday, August 13 and 14, beginning at 5 a. m. Consumers will please supply themselves with clear water.

GEO. UHLER, Secy. 191-3t.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in Trinity Methodist Church.

Mrs. Norman Reynolds, accompanied by her little son, James, left today for a short stay at Colonial Beach.

Word has been received in this city that Mr. Ernest Sevier Cox, the African traveller who spent the past winter in this city, has been commissioned captain of field artillery, officers' reserve corps, at the Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., officers' training camp. Captain Cox expects to be ordered to duty at Columbia, South Carolina.

About two hundred men are now employed at the Dean Shipyard in this city. Work is under way on six of the submarine boats which are to be built there for the United States government and as soon as they have been completed the balance of these called for by the contract, fourteen, will be started. It is stated that the company will be able to secure contracts for all the work they can turn out.

Concerning the visiting of this city by a certain class of soldiers, an incident has been reported to the Gazette by a respected gentleman residing here which indicates the kind of conduct which not only disgraces the soldier guilty of it but tenders to engender a feeling of distrust against those who wear the uniform whose character may be above suspicion. The gentleman states that a few evenings ago his wife was sitting in the door at their home alone, he being absent at the time, when a soldier approached her, held out his hand and said "Why, good evening, how do you do?" His wife answered, "I guess you are mistaken. You do not know me, for I certainly do not know you." To this the soldier said, "Oh, yes, I do, come on, don't you want to go for a walk?" The lady, becoming indignant, very naturally told him he had better get away from there and to do so at once or she would call the police, whereupon the man left very suddenly. It is pertinent just as well for the soldier in question that the husband has not yet run across him in the search he is making for him as there is liable to be more to it if he is discovered. Alexandria gladly welcomes the soldiers who deport themselves as gentlemen should, but our citizens have no particular use for the class represented by the one referred to.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

With the gubernatorial campaign out of the way, politicians are turning their attention to the coming campaign for Congress, a year away, the primary to be held next August. From present indications it appears certain that Congressman A. J. Montague will have opposition. Two names have already been prominently mentioned as likely candidates. They are John Hirschberg, chairman of the Administrative Board, and D. C. O'Flaherty, a well known practicing attorney.

Just as the steamer Aurora, of the Furman Line, was preparing to leave Richmond on its daily trip to City Point early last night, fire burst from the walls of the boiler room, and, within a few minutes, gutted the superstructure of the ship and practically destroyed the heavy cargo, consisting principally of foodstuffs consigned to Hopewell and vicinity. The damage, covered by insurance, will probably amount to \$10,000.

H. M. Loving, the undertaker at Hot Springs, was instantly killed at 1 o'clock Sunday morning near Hot Springs, when his automobile became unmanageable and turned turtle, throwing him against a rock. His skull was crushed. The car then took fire and his body was terribly burned before it was rescued. A young man and woman in the car with him were badly injured, the young man suffering a broken arm. The accident occurred near Grove Station, on the road from the Hot to Covington.

Two new aviation records were established at Newport News on Sunday at the Atlantic Coast Aeronautical Station. Pilot Ed Stinson, with a passenger, made 58 consecutive loops, and Pilot O. W. Hoover carrying a passenger, ascended 5,500 feet in a flying boat in fifty-five minutes. More than 180,000 residents of

There will be an open air service conducted by Evangelist F. E. Gibson at Windmill Hill tonight from seven to eight o'clock.

Thomas H. Ballenger, who is stationed with the coast artillery at Fort Washington, was the week end guest of his parents in West End.

Rev. E. B. Jackson, City Sergeant Cox, and Judge C. E. Nicol will attend the meetings of the Potomac Association, which will be held in Upperville, Fauquier county, for a few days.

The second inspection of gardens by the garden committee of the Chamber of Commerce will begin tomorrow. The first inspection was concluded some time ago by the committee. Gardens inspected are those entered in the prize garden contest of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Red Cross requests that everyone who has finished work on hand bring the same to the Red Cross rooms over Burke and Herbert's bank tomorrow, Wednesday morning between the hours of 10 and 12. The local Red Cross would like to have as many workers as possible, as it is endeavoring to ship another box of hospital supplies this week.

Lieutenant William L. Martin, Jr., and Miss Helen R. Blake, both of this city, were quietly married in Washington on Saturday afternoon last, August 11, by Rev. Charles Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant. Owing to the fact that Lieutenant Martin was unable to obtain leave of absence from the army, a short wedding trip by motor was taken to Baltimore. Mrs. Martin is now at home at 220 north Columbus street.

Only five men who had been summoned to appear before the Alexandria County Draft Board today for examination as drafted men came to the City Hall this forenoon. There were some 29 or more who had been called but letters have been received from some stating that they had already enlisted elsewhere and it is known that some are now doing service "somewhere in France." It would therefore seem that some names were placed on the list that did not rightly belong there. No action was taken by the board as yet to summon any more men and none will be taken until the result of the first 306 names drawn has been ascertained.

Hamburg now are being fed in the municipal soup kitchens, owing to the difficulty of obtaining food supplies for individual households.

The body of A. R. Schultz, who died at the hospital in Danville Saturday night, was sent yesterday to Springfield, Ky., his home, his mother, Mrs. A. R. Schultz, sr., accompanied it. For a little more than a month the spark of life lingered in the paralyzed body of the young tobaccoist, who was fatally injured while attending a house party in Danville. With friends he went to a well-known bathing pool and dived from a mill dam into what he thought was deep water. The water was shallow and his body was crushed by the rocks lying below the surface. He was paralyzed from his neck down.

On Saturday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock, Joe Dellanoa, a Greek, was found dead in the private room of a pool room proprietor, George Halakis, in Hopewell, soon after a pistol shot was heard. It was at first thought that the case was one of suicide, but an investigation showed that a pistol ball had entered the top of the man's head and a coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that he was killed by some unknown person. On Sunday morning about 3:30 o'clock Joe Hall, colored, was instantly killed in his home in Hopewell by Freeman Robertson. The shooting of Hall was the result of trouble over a crap game.

Eleven thousand pension checks will be put into the mails by the state of Virginia the last day of this month, representing about \$500,000. This money goes to the soldiers of the Confederacy who served the state then. Many of the men and women making application in the last year have been pitiable. They have been forced by reason of advancing years to ask the state for the little help

An item sent to the Gazette for publication on Saturday stated that Mrs. Nellie Belew, of Del Ray, had returned home from the Alexandria Hospital after undergoing an operation. The name of the lady should have been Mrs. Mary Belew.

The meeting appointed to be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night to receive the report of the committee concerning the locating of an aeroplane plant at Alexandria was postponed until Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m., on account of the illness of some of the members.

The building at 428 and 430 King street, corner of Pitt, owned by the Misses Gensberger, is to be remodeled and made into two stores. Workmen are already engaged in making the alterations. This will be remembered as the former store occupied by C. S. Elliott who was in business in this city for some 19 years prior to selling out to his brother, E. R. Elliott, who is now located at 604 King street.

Hager Violette, ten years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Violette, of Braddock, has been removed to the Episcopal Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, of Washington, following serious injuries received at the hands of a playmate. Purvis Reynolds, the young son of George M. Reynolds, accidentally discharged a gun and young Violette got the full effect of the charge of shot in his face at close range. It is not thought that his eye can be saved.

Although some citizens were anticipating that there might be further trouble between soldiers and colored men in the city last night, nothing occurred to disturb the peace. As a precautionary measure the officer in command at the St. Asaph military camp sent a provost guard of eight men in charge of Lieut. Sylvester J. Gerlitz, with orders to run up any soldiers who might attempt to stray from the path of rectitude, and about ten o'clock Captain Johnson of Company G dispatched a guard of sixteen from the armory to various parts of the city on a similar errand. But fortunately there was no particular need of their services. The fact that the War Department gave out certain instructions yesterday concerning what would happen providing the soldiers encamped in the vicinity did not conduct themselves in a proper manner, evidently had a good effect.

That she can give to keep them from want.

Reports are in circulation in Richmond that Guy T. Herner, of Southampton county, will be named as assistant attorney general in the office of John Pollard to succeed Leslie C. Garnett, who resigned to accept an appointment in the department of justice, Washington.

LATE MISS ENGLISH.

Interment of Former Alexandrian Takes Place This Afternoon.

The interment of Miss Emily H. English, who died in Leesburg Sunday morning, was in the family lot in the Presbyterian Cemetery this afternoon, funeral services having previously been conducted in Leesburg by Rev. H. W. Burkhardt, rector of St. Jaes P. E. Church Church, who also officiated at the cemetery. The pallbearers were six nephews. She is survived by four sisters—Mrs. E. F. Kelley, of Syracuse, New York; Mrs. F. J. Davidson, of this city; Mrs. Richard Baker, of Washington, and Mrs. J. Cleveland Coleman, of Sterling, Va., and two brothers—Horace L. English, of Atlantic City, and Charles A. English, of Leesburg.

TAFT IMPROVING RAPIDLY.

Physician Says he Will be Able to Leave Tomorrow.

Clay Center, Kan., Aug. 14.—William Howard Taft yesterday continued his rapid improvement from an attack of intestinal indigestion, according to his physician, who declared his patient would be able to leave here by Wednesday providing no complications arise. The former president was stricken last Tuesday while on a lecture tour.

HELD IN BRANDON CASE INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Negro Helper on Ice Wagon Accused of Murdering Woman—Denies Charge Before Detectives.

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 14.—John Snowden, colored, alias "Zep" and "Scoops," a helper on an ice wagon of the firm of Parlett & Parlett, this city, was arrested last night and charged with murdering last Wednesday Mrs. Lottie May Haislip Brandon, the young wife of "Val" Brandon, Government employe, who is attached to the United States Experimental Station here.

Snowden, grilled in the office of Sheriff John R. Sullivan, with several other negroes, by Headquarters Detectives Pohler, Kratz and Dougherty denied the charge. Two colored women, however, told the authorities they saw Snowden go into the house and take a bottle of beer from his pocket, and later saw a chair thrown in the front room of the house.

The statement of the colored women is given weight by the Baltimore detectives, as well as by State's Attorney Nicholas H. Green.

Fearing that the negro would be lynched by the mob of more than 1,000 people who gathered about the Courthouse when he was being questioned, State's Attorney Green Mayor James F. Strange and Sheriff John R. Sullivan advised that Snowden be taken to Baltimore and locked up in the city jail or penitentiary for safety.

The arrest of Snowden came as a surprise. State's Attorney Green received information this afternoon from Mrs. J. Spencer Murray that two daughters of a colored maid in her employ were in terror of a negro suspected of having murdered Mrs. Brandon.

Snowden admitted that he was within a stone's throw of the Brandon home on the day the woman was murdered. He further told the detectives he was in the saloon of Charles B. Martin, Second and West streets, which is near the murdered woman's home, on the morning she was found dead.

Snowden was in the neighborhood of the Brandon home every day. Ice served from a wagon on which he worked was delivered to the house by a white boy, Charles Dietz. On the day that Mrs. Brandon was found dead young Dietz went to the Brandon home with a five-cent piece of ice. He stated that the rear part of the house was closed, the doors leading into the yard being locked, and that the blinds were drawn.

That the murdered woman had been attacked by a powerful man has been asserted by Dr. J. C. Joyce, who said that the bruises and marks, including many lacerations on her body, could not have been inflicted by a man of slight strength. Dr. Joyce admitted, however, that there was a possibility that the woman could have fallen and received the cuts, bruises and lacerations.

The arrest of Snowden came about through Margaret Queen, the negroess in the employ of Mrs. Murray. Her two daughters, Ruth Green and Mary Perkins, said that about 11 o'clock on the day of the murder they saw Snowden walk into the Brandon home.

Notice.

There will be a called communication of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M., Wednesday evening, August 15, 1917, at 8 o'clock, to confer the M. M. degree. Let there be a good attendance. By order of the Worshipful Master.

A. G. UHLER, Sec'y. 193-2t.

Masonic Notice.

There will be a called communication of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, A. F. and A. M., Tuesday evening, August 14, at 7:30 for work. By order Worshipful Master.

J. E. ALEXANDER, Sec'y. 191-3t.

Republican Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting of the Republicans of Alexandria will be held at the Hotel Rammer, August 23d, at 8 p. m., to elect delegates to the Roanoke convention August 30, 1917. JOHN U. SCHWARZMANN, President. 191-3t.

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State Board of Health Urges City and County Authorities to Take Action to Arrest Disease.

Alderman Maurice Wilkins, of the Committee on Health of the City Council, has received the following from Ennon G. Williams, M. D., State Health Commissioner:

Richmond, Aug. 8, 1917. Dear Sir:—Infantile paralysis has appeared in Virginia. For instance in Rockingham County there have recently been 22 cases and seven deaths. How serious the present outbreak in the valley may be, we cannot at this time tell. How wide the disease may spread none can foresee. But after the terrible experience of New York last year in dealing with this scourge, it would be criminal for us not to take the maximum precautions immediately in every city and town in Virginia.

As the germs have been found in the secretions from the nose and mouth and in the discharges from the bowels of the sick as well as healthy carriers, we can be certain of some of the steps that must be taken to keep infantile paralysis from sweeping the State. To prevent the spread of the disease, it is necessary:

1. To have a sewerage system with which all houses are connected, or to have dry closets at every home so constructed and kept that the excrement in them is not accessible to flies and animals.

2. Premises should be kept clean to prevent the breeding of flies. Garbage should be removed regularly. Efforts should be made to destroy flies by swatting, poisoning, fly paper and especially by the use of large traps.

3. Common drinking cups must be prohibited in the schools and other public places including soda fountains, stores, hotels and restaurants.

4. All food supplies should be protected from flies, especially those supplies eaten without cooking.

5. Children should be made to avoid close contact. They should be taught to cover their noses and mouths or turn their faces downward when coughing or sneezing, and to avoid putting their fingers into their mouths.

6. There should be in every town a medical health officer to see that every case or suspected case is promptly reported and proper quarantine observed. There should also be a sanitary officer or sergeant who may not be a physician who should see that the sanitary privy law and the laws regarding cleanliness of the premises, removal of garbage and the screening of food supplies and other laws are properly enforced.

I cannot too strongly urge these conditions upon you, a faithful public officer. I beg that you will proceed at once in a vigorous clean-up campaign and I assure you of the earnest support and assistance of this board. If infantile paralysis appears before you are able to take the necessary measures of self protection, please see that we are notified at once and that the patient is immediately quarantined as required by law.

Trusting that all necessary measures will be taken to save your town from the possible invasion of this disease, I am

Very respectfully,
ENNION G. WILLIAMS,
State Health Commissioner.

TO MEDIATE STRIKE

Federal Conciliator off to Southeastern Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 14.—A special telegram from Lexington announces that Hywell Davis, of that place, widely known as a federal conciliator in strike troubles, has gone to Southeastern Kentucky where a strike has been declared in district No. 19, United Mine Workers of America. It is understood, according to the Lexington message, that he will be met there by government agents.

The strike covers coal mining properties in Southeastern Kentucky and Northeast Tennessee. It is said more than 10,000 miners have quite work. They demand recognition of the union, an eight-hour day and a new wage scale.

Notice of Excursion.

The fourth annual excursion of the Loyal Order of Moose, No. 1076, of Alexandria, to Marshall Hall, will be held on Thursday, Aug. 16, 1917. Included in the program will be a baseball game between Alexandria and Washington lodges at 3:30 p. m., several amusing races and amusements for children, and a prize waltz in the evening. A good time is assured all. Plenty of ice. The steamer Charles Macalester will leave Cameron street wharf at 10:30 a. m. and 3 and 7 o'clock p. m. Tickets, adults, 25 cents; children 15 cents. 193-2t.

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